

Appl. No. 10/689,309
Resp. dated March 30, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Dec. 30, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-26. By this Amendment, claims 1, 15 and 26 are currently amended. It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner has indicated one possible way to overcome the rejection. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's suggestion. While Applicants disagree with the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have nevertheless amended claims 1, 15 and 26 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, but in a slightly different manner. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome.

The applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's statement of allowable subject matter, in which the Examiner indicated that the advantage of the invention is the use of Synchronization Markup Language (SyncML) for document updating. The Applicants submit, however, that such advantage is not necessarily the only advantage of the invention, and thus reserve the right to argue additional advantages of the invention, if the need arises in future.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If anything remains in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 775-8000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Winslade", written over a horizontal line.

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